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Filing Date: 12/01/2003 ) Art Unit: 3754  
Title: NOZZLE ASSEMBLIES FOR )  
AEROSOL SPRAY TEXTURING )  
DEVICES )

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## CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that these references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the pending application is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.

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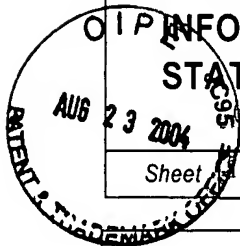
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